

In summary, I cannot lend my support to storage with a water-filled RC - unless the ultimate intent is indefinite abandonment.

## 2 Afloat Storage

Comments here are of a detailed, rather than fundamental nature. The attraction of afloat storage is that it keeps options open almost indefinitely.

- a) Primary Shield Tanks : Some measures will be necessary to ensure that freezing is impossible
- b) The physical security of Atomic information must be adequate. You will need to confirm that access control achieves the requisite level of security : or you will be faced with sanitising parts of the reactor and manoeuvring room.
- c) Comments at SSBN Disposal Working Party have indicated that it may be more cost-effective for V, C & R class submarines to leave equipment aboard and pay cannibalisation visits as and when required. If this policy is adopted post DREADNOUGHT it will alter the balance of advantage in access arrangements.